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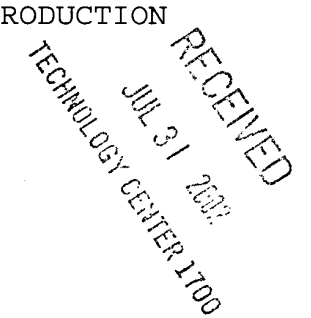
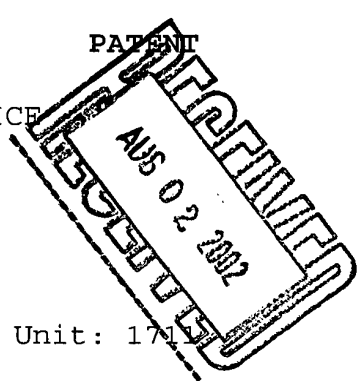
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Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. These documents have been cited in a search report in a corresponding European application. One copy of each of the listed documents and a copy of the search report is attached.

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Respectfully submitted,

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